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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY

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THIS REPORT SUMMARIZES DEVELOPMENTS NOTED THROUGHOUT SOUTHEAST ASIA AVAILABLE TO NSA AS OF 31 JULY 1975. INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS BASED ON SIGINT EXCEPT WHERE INDICATED. SITUATION SUMMARY THE DISPOSITION OF THE MISSIONARIES CAPTURED IN BAN ME THUOT IN MARCH WAS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A CONFERENCE CONVENED IN NHA TRANG ON 26 JULY. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REVEALS THAT CAMBODIA MAY RECEIVE AID FROM PAKISTAN; NOT THE PRC AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. POULO HAI ISLAND WAS THE SCENE OF HOSTILITIES AGAIN WHEN AN ATTEMPT TO RETAKE THE ISLAND BY CAMBODIAN FORCES ON 28 JULY WAS REPULSED BY VIETNAMESE FORCES ON THE ISLAND. IN ADDITION, CAMBODIAN OFFICIALS HAVE ANNOUNCED PLANS TO REPATRIATE VIETNAMESE NATIONALS IN CAMBODIA'S NORTHWESTERN REGION. LAOS IS FACING A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF RICE AND HAS ASKED SEVERAL NATIONS TO SELL RICE IN AN EFFORT TO ALLEVIATE THE SITUATION. (SECRET SPOKE) I. SOUTH VIETNAM GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS THE FATE OF THE AMERICANS CAPTURED IN BAN ME THUOT IN MARCH IS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A CONFERENCE BEING HELD AT NHA TRANG, SOUTH VIETNAM IN LATE JULY. ON 29 JULY, HQ, GROUP 472 TOLD MR 559 THAT IT HAD RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM VNC MR 5 SUGGESTING THAT MR 559 SEND A DELEGATION TO A MEETING BEING CONVENED TO DELIBERATE "THE PROBLEM OF THE AMERICAN PRISONERS CAPTURED IN BAN ME THUOT." THE COMMUNIQUE DISCLOSED THAT THE MEETING IS BEING HELD AT EITHER THE RESIDENCE OF THE PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEE IN NHA TRANG OR AT THE FORWARD AREA OF MR 5 LOCATED AT THE NHA TRANG AIRFIELD AND IS TO BE CONVENED ON 26 JULY AND END FOUR DAYS LATER. NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE. ACCORDING TO COLLATERAL, AT LEAST EIGHT AMERICANS, TWO CANADIANS AND TWO ICCS PERSONNEL WERE CAPTURED AT BAN ME THUOT WHEN THE CITY FELL TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE IN EARLY MARCH. (3/00/15489-75 000000 122000Z MAY) (SECRET SPOKE) II. AIR ACTIVITY TRANSPORTS 291700Z TO 301700Z JULY (ALL TIMES ZULU) IL-18/195 INTERAIRFIELD 0132-0315 GIA LAM-T TAN SON NHUT AN-24/1098 INTERAIRFIELD 0133-0320 GIA LAM-UNID C-47/620 INTERAIRFIELD 0650-... NHA TRANG- PHU CAT 251700Z TO 261700Z JULY ADD: SOVIET IL-18/74261 INTERNATIONAL 0125-0225 VIENTIANE- GIA LAM SOVIET IL-18/74261 INTERNATIONAL 0437-0539 GIA LAM- VIENTIANE 241700Z TO 251700Z JULY ADD: CCAF AN-12/1053 INTERNATIONAL 0102-0209 GIA LAM- VIENTIANE PATHET LAO AN-26/505 INTERNATIONAL 0153-0310 GIA LAM- VIENTIANE CCAF AN-12/1053 INTERNATIONAL 0247-0342 GIA LAM ROYAL AIR LAO DC-3 INTERNATIONAL 0525-0703 VIENTIANE- GIA LAM PATHET LAO AN-26/505 INTERNATIONAL 0550-0654 VIENTIANE- GIA LAM ROYAL AIR LAO DC-3 INTERNATIONAL 0755-0952 GIA LAM- XGDS-2 XXHH 08589

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